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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: YONG SUNG HAM

SERIAL NO: 09/134,405

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FOR: IN-PLANE SWITCHING MODE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

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In response to the final Office Action dated December 5, 2000, the time period for response being extended one month to April 5, 2001, by the petition for extension of time and appropriate fee, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider this Request For Reconsideration.

In the Office Action dated December 5, 2000, claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 12-14, 16, 19, 20 and 23-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Prior Art Figures 1A-B in view of Ohe et al. (US Patent No. 5,910,271). Applicant thanks the Examiner for the withdrawal of the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in response to Applicant's Amendment dated September 12, 2000.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

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Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are allowable over the cited references in that all claims recite in varying degrees of specificity, a combination of features including the common line and the data bus lines having a crossing relationship and $d\Delta n$ in the range of $0.29\text{-}0.36\mu\text{m}$. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references, singly or combined, teaches or suggests at least these features of the present invention. The $d\Delta n$ range of $0.29\text{-}0.36\mu\text{m}$ is specific to the particular structure of the in-plane switching mode LCD as claimed. Applicant submits that Ohe et al. does not show such specific structure of the claimed invention and the combination with Applicant's Figs. 1A and 1B is not based on proper motivating factors. Applicant respectfully submits that such combination is at best an obvious to try, which is not sufficient to combine references. In particular, the specific value of $0.30\mu\text{m}$ disclosed in Ohe et al. is in reference to the specific structure described therein, which is completely different from the claimed invention.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore requests favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

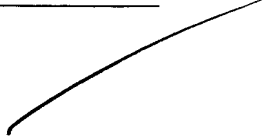
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